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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 194667 SENT CANBERRA KUALA LUMPUR LONDON  
MANILA PARIS SINGAPORE SEOUL SUVA WELLINGTON TOKYO INFO GENEVA  
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QUOTE

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TAGS: WHO, IB, IC, PORG

SUBJECT: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) - WESTERN  
PACIFIC REGIONAL OFFICE (WPRO) MEETING - SUPPLEMENTARY  
AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

1. WHO-WPRO MEETING IN MANILA 1-6 SEPTEMBER HAS ON ITS  
AGENDA AS SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 1. "PARTICIPATION  
IN THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF MEMBERS NOT HAVING THEIR  
SEAT OF GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE REGION."

2. IMPLICATION OF AGENDA ITEM:

FRANCE, NEW ZEALAND, PORTUGAL, THE U.K. AND U.S. ARE ALL  
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
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OF AREAS IN THE WPRO AND IN ACCORD WITH THE WHO CONSTITUT-

ION AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY ARE MEMBERS OF THE WPRO. OF THESE COUNTRIES ONLY NEW ZEALAND HAS ITS SEAT OF GOVERNMENT IN THE REGION. THEREFORE, THE DISCUSSION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM COULD INVOLVE AN ATTEMPT TO PRECLUDE THE PARTICIPATION OF THESE GOVERNMENTS FROM THE WPRO.

3. BACKGROUND OF AGENDA ITEM:

IN SEPTEMBER 1974, THE WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

CITING THE QUOTE HIGHLY ANOMALOUS UNQUOTE SITUATION RESULTING FROM HAVING A COUNTRY OR TERRITORY REPRESENTED AT THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA BY BOTH A LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND A QUOTE COLONIAL POWER UNQUOTE PASSED A RESOLUTION WHICH QUOTE DISAPPROVES OF THE PARTICIPATION OF ANY COLONIAL POWER AS A MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA AND REQUESTS THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR TO FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL WITH THE REQUEST THAT HE TRANSMIT IT TO THE TWENTY-EIGHTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY FOR IT TO TAKE SUCH ACTION THAT WILL PUT AN IMMEDIATE END TO THE PARTICIPATION OF ANY COLONIAL POWER IN THE MEETINGS OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA. END QUOTE. IN MAY 1975, THE TWENTY-EIGHTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY RESOLVED TO QUOTE GIVE EFFECT UNQUOTE TO THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE AFRICAN REGIONAL COMMITTEE AND RESOLVED ITSELF TO REQUEST THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS TO BRING THE RESOLUTIONS TO THE ATTENTION OF OTHER REGIONAL COMMITTEES.

4. RATIONALE FOR AFRICA NOT APPLICABLE IN WPRO:

THE QUOTE HIGHLY ANOMALOUS UNQUOTE SITUATION WHICH MAY HAVE EXISTED IN THE AFRICAN REGION IN 1974 CERTAINLY DOES NOT EXIST WITH REGARD TO US RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE TTPI (WHICH WERE APPROVED BY THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL), AMERICAN .SOMOA OR GUAM (WHO HAVE FREELY ELECTED TO RETAIN THEIR TERRITORIAL STATUS). NOR DOES SUCH A SITUATION SEEM TO EXIST GENERALLY IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION. DESPITE THIS, PRC AND DRV MAY PUSH FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION IN

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WPRO.

5. US PARTICIPATION IN WPRO:

U.S. OBJECTIVE IN WPRO CONCIDES WITH WHO OBJECTIVE: THE ATTAINMENT BY ALL PEOPLES IN THE REGION OF THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL OF HEALTH. THE U.S. HAS SIGNIFICANT TERRITORIAL-HEALTH RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE REGION.

ACCORDINGLY, THE U.S. INTENDS TO STRONGLY RESIST ANY  
POLITICAL ATTEMPT TO FORCE ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTICIPATION  
IN THE WPRO.

6. ACTION REQUESTED

PARIS AND LONDON: PLEASE REPORT VIEWS OF GOVERNMENTS WITH  
REGARD WPRO AGENDA ITEM. IF APPROPRIATE, REPORT DEGREE OF  
SUPPORT FOR U.S. POSITION.

CANBERRA; AUSTRALIA MAY BE KEY IF ISSUE COMES TO VOTE IN  
MEETING. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION PLEASE DISCUSS  
ISSUE WITH GOVERNMENT URGING SUPPORT US AND OTHER CONTINUED  
PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL GROUP. PLSE REPORT SOONEST.

MANILA: PLEASE URGE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT WITH REGARD AGENDA  
ITEM AND IF POSSIBLE REPORT HOW OR WHY ITEM WAS PUT ON  
AGENDA.

TOKYO, SEOUL, SINGAPORE, WELLINGTON, SUVA AND KUALA  
LUMPUR: UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION PLEASE DISCUSS  
ISSUE WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS URGING THEM SUPPORT US AND OTHER  
CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN WPRO.

FOR WELLINGTON: IF POSSIBLE, REQUEST YOU CONTACT GOVERNMENTS  
OF TONGA AND WESTERN SOMOA AND URGE SUPPORT OF CONTINUED  
U.S. PARTICIPATION.

ALL ADDRESSEES PLEASE REPLY ASAP. SISCO UNQUOTE MAW

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